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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION WITH WHO SECRETARIAT ON COMMISSION TO VISIT
ISRAELI-OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

REF: A) GENEVA 2444; B) GENEVA 2522

1. WHO SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS EXPECT CONSIDERABLE OPPOSITION
TO ISRAEL DURING WHA FROM CERTAIN ARAB COUNTRIES ON SUBJECT OF
COMMISSION TO VISIT ISRAELI-OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, NOTWITHDTANDING
MORE MODERATE APPROACH EXPECTED FROM EGYPT, AS REPORTED REFTEL A.

2. MR. CARLO FEDELE, HEAD OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS IN DG
MAHLER'S OFFICE, INDICATES HE IS NOT AT ALL SURE "MORE RADICAL
ARAB COUNTRIES SUCH AS IRAQ AND SYRIA, POSSIBLY LIBYA" WILL BE
SATISFIED WITH MORE MODERATE APPROACH OF EGYPT.

3. ACCORDINGLY, FEDELE INDICATES THAT, IN ADDITION TO MAHLER'S
TRIP TO ALGERIA STILL TO TAKE PLACE IN APRIL, ANOTHER APPROACH
TO PROBLEM IS TO HAVE DURING THE WHA THE SENEGAL REPRESENTATIVE
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OF THE 3-COUNTRY COMMISSION (SENEGAL, ROMANIA, INDONESIA) ANNOUNCE

THE FORMING OF AN AD HOC GROUP TO MAKE A QUICK TRIP TO ISRAEL AND TO WRITE UP A REPORT ON DISCUSSIONS WITH ISRAELI AUTHORITIES. BASED ON THIS REPORT, WHO COULD THEN EXPECT TO MAKE FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR SOME OF ITS OWN PERSONNEL TO GO DIRECTLY TO THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, SEE WHAT CONDITIONS ARE REALLY LIKE, AND RENDER HEALTH SERVICES WHERE NEEDED.

4. FEDELE INDICATES HE WOULD EXPECT THIS APPROACH TO HAVE MORE APPEAL TO BOTH FACTIONS AMONG ARAB MEMBER STATES.

5. COMMENT: THIS LATEST WHO TACTIC MAY, IN FACT, BE A PARTIAL ANSWER TO THE QUESTION RAISED BY AMBASSADOR RONN IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF REFTEL B, WHEREIN RONN EXPRESSED SOME INTEREST IN WHAT EGYPT MAY HAVE HAD IN MIND IN ASKING WHO TO PLAY MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN PROVIDING HEALTH SERVICES IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.
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